

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Medical Review Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 03/27/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for durable medical equipment supplied on date of service, 01/05/03. The Respondent denied any reimbursement as, "JM THE MEDICAL FEE GUIDELINE STATES IN THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER CODING 'ACCURATE CODING OF SERVICES RENDERED IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROPER REIMBURSEMENT', THE SERVICES PERFORMED ARE NOT REIMBURSABLE AS BILLED."

II. RATIONALE

CPT Code E1399-RR - NT2000 muscle stimulator

Rule 133.600 (h) (11) requires preauthorization of all durable medical equipment (DME) in excess of \$500 per item. The DME billed is for a NT2000 muscle stimulator rental that does not exceed \$500.00 per item. However, the Requestor has billed this CPT Code using modifier "RR" for dos 01/05/03. Modifier "RR" is only recognized as the recovery room modifier in the Commission's '96 MFG Surgical Ground Rules. For this reason, the Medical Review Division (MRD) is unable to determine proper reimbursement for CPT code E0745-RR in dispute.

CPT CODE E1399 - muscle stimulator supplies

The Medical Review Division (MRD) is unable to determine proper reimbursement for CPT code E0745-RR (above) in dispute due to the -RR modifier. Therefore, reimbursement for muscle stimulator supplies cannot be recommended.

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Medical Review has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 10th day of July 2003.

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